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**By ECF**

The Honorable Vernon S. Broderick  
United States District Judge  
40 Foley Square, Room 415  
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States of America v. John W. Ashe, et al.;*  
Docket No. 15 Cr. 00706(VSB)

Dear Judge Broderick:

This firm represents John W. Ashe in the above referenced matter. Mr. Ashe is currently being held at the Metropolitan Correctional Center pending release on bail, and is scheduled to appear before Your Honor in Court tomorrow for his arraignment. In light of the high profile nature of this case, Mr. Ashe respectfully requests an order granting him permission to wear a suit to the arraignment. We have conferred with Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Richenthal, and he has no objection to this request.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Hervé Gouraige  
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